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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated March 2, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Pages 13, 14, 17, 18, and 22 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Claim 1 has been amended to address the antecedent issue identified by the Examiner.

Accordingly we submit that the amendments do not introduce any new matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been amended such that all the claim elements have a clear antecedent basis.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

The Applicant contests that Claim 1 of the present invention is not patentably distinct from Claim 1 of co-pending USSN 10/760,234 in view of USSN 10/760,235. The Examiner has sort to combine the teachings of a co-pending claim with that of a co-pending **description**. A non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting **claims** are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference **claim(s)**.

A non-statutory double patenting rejection can not be based on the combination of a co-pending claim and a co-pending description.

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Conclusion

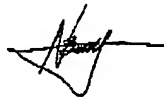
It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.
Accordingly, the Examiner's favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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